



Beverage Container Recycling News

Cash Award

The primary goal of the recycling program is to achieve an 80 percent recycling rate for all aluminum, glass, plastic and bimetal beverage containers sold in California, thereby reducing the beverage container component of litter in the state.

To increase beverage container awareness and to achieve our goal cash award not to exceed \$500 was offered September 1, 2004 thru March 31, 2005.

Congratulations!

- ★ Baldwin Lane Elementary School, Big Bear City
- ★ Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Morongo Valley
- ★ Bloomington Band and Colorguard of Bloomington High School, Bloomington
- ★ Charles Hoffman Elementary School, Running Springs
- ★ Children's Forest and Visitor Information Center, Running Springs
- ★ Copper Mountain Mesa Community Cen-

ter, Joshua Tree

- ★ Habitat for Humanity, San Bernardino Area at Glen Helen Regional Park & Hyundai Pavilion
- ★ Homestead Valley Park & Recreation, Landers
- ★ Joshua Tree Camp, RV and Campground, Joshua Tree
- ★ Landers Association, Landers
- ★ Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino (Unincorporated)
- ★ Morongo Basin Master Composters
- ★ Royal Rangers Youth Group of Newberry Springs Assembly of God, Newberry Springs
- ★ North Shore Elementary School, Big Bear City
- ★ Redlands East Valley High School, Redlands (Unincorporated)
- ★ Rim of the World High School, Lake Arrowhead
- ★ San Antonio Heights Association, Up-land

Redeeming Beverage Containers Make For Big Rewards

With limited resources teachers and students find ways to have a fundraiser.

Participating in the Beverage Container Recycling Container Program has two significant benefits: 1) redeeming the collected containers creates additional

revenue, and 2) participants learn the benefit and the importance of how recycling effects the environment.

How the money was spent:

- ◆ Baldwin Lane Elementary School do-

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*It's good for the bottle.
It's good for the can.*

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## Redeeming Beverage Containers Make For Big Reward (from pg. 1)

nated to "Tsunami Relief Aid".

- ◆ North Shore Elementary School voted the community swimming pool as their project. The community pool was damaged in the earthquake of 1992.
  - ◆ The Morongo Basin Master Composters awarded scholarships to Yucca Valley High School and Twentynine Palms High School.
  - ◆ Royal Rangers of Newberry Springs Assembly of God used their award for a Canoe Trip on the Colorado River. Fellow Rangers supplemented who were unable to come up with the fee.
  - ◆ Cooper Mountain Mesa Community Center gave their building a face lift.
  - ◆ Landers Association donated to Homestead Valley Park and Recreation for their annual fire works event. The Landers Community Center held their community gatherings.
  - ◆ A butterfly garden will be an added feature to one of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve hiking trails.
  - ◆ Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Joshua Tree and to the Red Cross.
  - ◆ Rim of the World High School. Dave Meigide's Automotive Shop awarded 3 scholarships.
  - ◆ Homestead Valley Park and Recreation is finishing up the
- snack bar and restrooms.
  - ◆ Children's Forest and Visitor's Information Center additional funds are used for children activities.
  - ◆ Charles Hoffman Elementary School. Karen Gilbert's 5th Grade Class went on a field trip to Riley's Colonial Chesterfield located in Oak Glen where they enjoyed an re-enactment of the American Revolution/Civil War.
  - ◆ Bloomington Band and Colorguard used their funds for band activities.
  - ◆ The additional revenue assisted Habitat for Humanity volunteers/future homeowners with a home.
  - ◆ Lyle S. Briggs Elementary School. Karen Voznick's class used the additional funding to buy school supplies; a rain gauge thermometer for their garden and class T-shirts.
  - ◆ Redlands East Valley High School. Mike Kelly's science students used their funds for environmental field trips. Students learn about the environment and run test; soil sample, water quality tests, transects of plants types and animal ID.
  - ◆ San Antonio Heights Association donated a couple of recycled plastic benches to the Cucamonga Creek Trail.

### Spotlight: Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino



Students cutting hardware cloth for their VIVA garden.

Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School. Carol Voznick, 5th Grade Teacher. Carol and her fifth grade students established a mini beverage container recycling program at the K-8 school where she teaches. It's a school wide program that is maintained and managed by the students in her fifth grade classes.

The students have learned the importance of recycling beverage containers and what an effect they can have on the environment and their community. Her students know the meaning of closing the loop: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The program is in its fourth year.

Besides learning about recycling, Carol's fifth graders have an onsite garden. In fact, the students

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## Spotlight: Lyle S. Briggs Fundamental School, Chino (from pg 2)

choose how to spend their own recycling profits, and most of the proceeds are used to develop the garden they keep. The students have purchased seeds, pottery, garden tools, hardware cloth, a table and chairs and resource materials. Students learn all about different standards-based aspects of gardening: soil rotation and management, composting, plant adaptations, water conservation, journaling, the importance of good nutrition, and working within a budget. Budgeting toward different needs has given the students great insight as to the value of handling money carefully. Students are constantly discovering new life in the form of hummingbirds, worms, moths and butterflies.

Each year, each class adds a permanent contribution to the garden. (Last year's class put in a brick foot-

*We're  
enjoying throwing our  
weeds and old plants  
in the mix and smash  
them into "new"  
"rich soil".*

path). This year's class would like to add three miniature peach trees in terra cotta planters as their permanent contribution. The planters they'll be using are \$58 each. The students voted to have a bake sale when they realized that the recycling would probably not net enough income this year to pay for both trees and pots. The bake sale showed a \$146 profit and we're able to purchase two of the pots.

Besides funding garden projects, the past classes have looked for ways to help out in the school and community. One group created a tribute to 9/11 victims. Most recently letters, valentines, candies and pens were mailed to soldiers in Iraq. This year's class will also be purchasing a four foot thermometer for the whole school to use as part of a developing weather station.

Carol's classes have been acknowledged numerous times for their environmental and gardening practices. They have been invited to the Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Earth Day for three years. For the second time, they've won an environ-



Filling in with dirt.

mental filed trip from Children's Forest in Running Springs where they hike to Keller Peak and focused on forest ecology/environments. Most recently they were recipients of a WEWAC (Water Education Water Awareness Committee) grant to be used to put in a garden watering systems.

They drew pictures about what recycling meant to them and were made into a calendar by San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division. These students with their calendar drawings were presented by principal Rod Federwisch at the Chino Valley Unified School Board Meeting where they sang an environmental song to the audience (lyrics by Carol).

This year Carol received "First Runner-up Award for Environmental Educator of the Year" at the 19th Annual Environmental Expo at California State University San Bernardino. Selection



criteria are based on Carol Voznick continuous contributions to environmental education, promotes individual and societal environmental responsibility and encourages youth to make informed decisions about environmental issues.

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### More Ways To Reduce Waste (at little or no cost)

The Solid Waste Management Division  
offers many services to assist residents,  
community groups and businesses in  
reducing waste.

- ♦ Disposal Site Diversion
- ♦ Business Waste Reduction Assessments
- ♦ Business Waste Reduction Guide and Education
- ♦ Beverage Container Recycling Program
- ♦ Materials Exchange Program (SBCountyMAX)
- ♦ Composting Workshops and Bins
- ♦ Informational Materials
- ♦ Curbside Recycling
- ♦ Commercial Recycling